

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 5 on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 12B is an enlarged view of the alternative embodiment in Figure 12 taken along line F-F in Figure 12A; [[and]]

Please replace paragraph 6 on page 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 13 is an illustration of a system in accordance with the inventions described and claimed hererin;[[.]]

Please insert the following paragraphs after paragraph 6 on page 11:

Figure 14 is a side view of a completely unshrunk sleeve just as it is about to be applied over a bottle cap of the kind used for 5-gallon bottles;

Figure 15 is a side view of a bottle cap of the kind used for 5-gallon bottles surrounded by a partially shrunk sleeve; and,

Figure 16 is a side view of a bottle cap of the kind used for 5-gallon bottles surrounded by a completely shrunk sleeve.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 18 and 19 with the following amended paragraph:

If the combination of a partially shrunk sleeve 56b and a cap 52, of the kind shown in Figure 15, is provided to a bottler by a cap maker, the bottler will preferably want to complete the shrinking of the sleeve 56b. The step of completing the shrinking of the sleeve to the condition shown in Figure 16 will be done by the bottler after the cap has been put onto the container 52. As can be seen in Figure 16, the fully shrunk sleeve 56c grips and is in substantial contact with the exterior of the skirt 54, and the ends of the sleeve 56c cover the peripheral edge of the label 60. As such, the fully shrunk sleeve 56c, together with the label 60, substantially cover exterior portions of the cap 50.